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NOTICE OF EXTENSION OF COMMENT PERIOD FOR NOTICE OF PREPARATION

ELEMENT WILDFLOWER GREEN ENERGY FARM

To: State Clearinghouse, Responsible and Trustee Agencies, and Interested Individuals

Subject: Notice of Extension of Comment Period for the Notice of Preparation (NOP) for the Element Wildflower Green Energy Farm

Project Title: Wildflower Green Energy Farm (County Project No. R2010-00256-(5), Conditional Use Permit No. 201000121, Environmental Review No. 201000063)

Lead Agency: County of Los Angeles

The County of Los Angeles (County) as the lead agency through its Department of Regional Planning has completed the Notice of Preparation (NOP) for the Wildflower Green Energy Farm. **The County has extended the public review and comment period which started November 4, 2011 to January 5, 2012.** The NOP is available for public review on the Department of Regional Planning website at http://planning.lacounty.gov/assets/upl/case/R2010-00256_nop.pdf and at the following libraries:

Lancaster Library 601 W. Lancaster Blvd. Lancaster, CA 93534 (661) 948-5029	Quartz Hill Library 42018 N. 50 th Street West Quartz Hill, CA 93536 (661) 943-2454	Little Rock Library 35119 80 th Street East Little Rock, CA 93543 (661) 944-4138
Antelope Valley Bookmobile 601 W. Lancaster Blvd. (locations vary) Lancaster, CA 93534 (661) 948-8270	Lake Los Angeles Library 16921 E. Avenue O, #A Palmdale, CA 93591 (661) 264-0593	Acton Aqua Dulce Library 33792 Crown Valley Road Acton, CA 93510 (661) 269-7101

The proposed project is an application for: 1) a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) for the construction and operation of a solar and wind energy facility ("Energy Farm") in the A-2 (Heavy Agricultural) zone, 2) a Significant Ecological Area (SEA) CUP for development of a project partially located within a designated SEA, and 3) a CUP to allow grading (cut and fill) of approximately 4,145,000 cubic yards.

The project site is located within the Fairmont area of the Antelope Valley, approximately one mile south of Avenue D (State Route 138) and 3.3 miles west of the City of Lancaster, California. The Site is located near the northern boundary of Los Angeles County, approximately 20 miles east of Interstate 5 and 12 miles west of the Antelope Valley Freeway (State Route 14). The Energy Farm site is located immediately west and south of the Antelope Valley California Poppy State Natural Reserve ("Poppy Reserve"), a state-operated park, and immediately northeast of the Fairmont Reservoir, part of the water control system for the Los Angeles Aqueduct. Lancaster Road runs through the center of the Energy Farm property in a northwest/southeast

direction. Access to this property from the north is from 170th St. West and from Munz Ranch Road to the south and east. The off-site transmission line would be located within a one-eighth-mile corridor, along the alignment of Avenue J, extending due east of the southeast corner of the Energy Farm site. The line would extend 1.5 miles to a new point of interconnection with the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power's Barren Ridge-Rinaldi Transmission Line Corridor, **or** 4.8 miles to an existing point of interconnection with Southern California Edison's Antelope Valley Substation, located 4.8 miles from the Site.

The proposed project would consist of a 300-megawatt (MW) solar photovoltaic and wind turbine generating (WTG) facility on approximately 3,708 acres, along with an underground transmission line to convey the electricity output to the regional electrical grid system. Major project components include up to 50 WTGs, up to 100 solar arrays, access roads, an operations and maintenance (O & M) facility, a power collection system and substation, and a generation interconnection (gen-tie) line to the LADWP or SCE regional electricity distribution grid. Water would be provided by an on-site water well.

For an in-depth project description and a preliminary analysis of potential project impacts, please refer to the NOP.

Interested parties may submit their comments on the NOP to:

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Comments on the NOP must be sent at the earliest possible date, but not later than **6:00 p.m. on Thursday January 5, 2012.**